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**Claims (including amendments)** begin on page 25.

**Remarks** begin on page 220.

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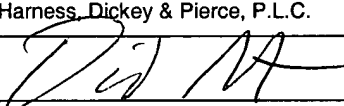
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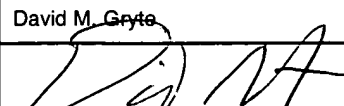
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